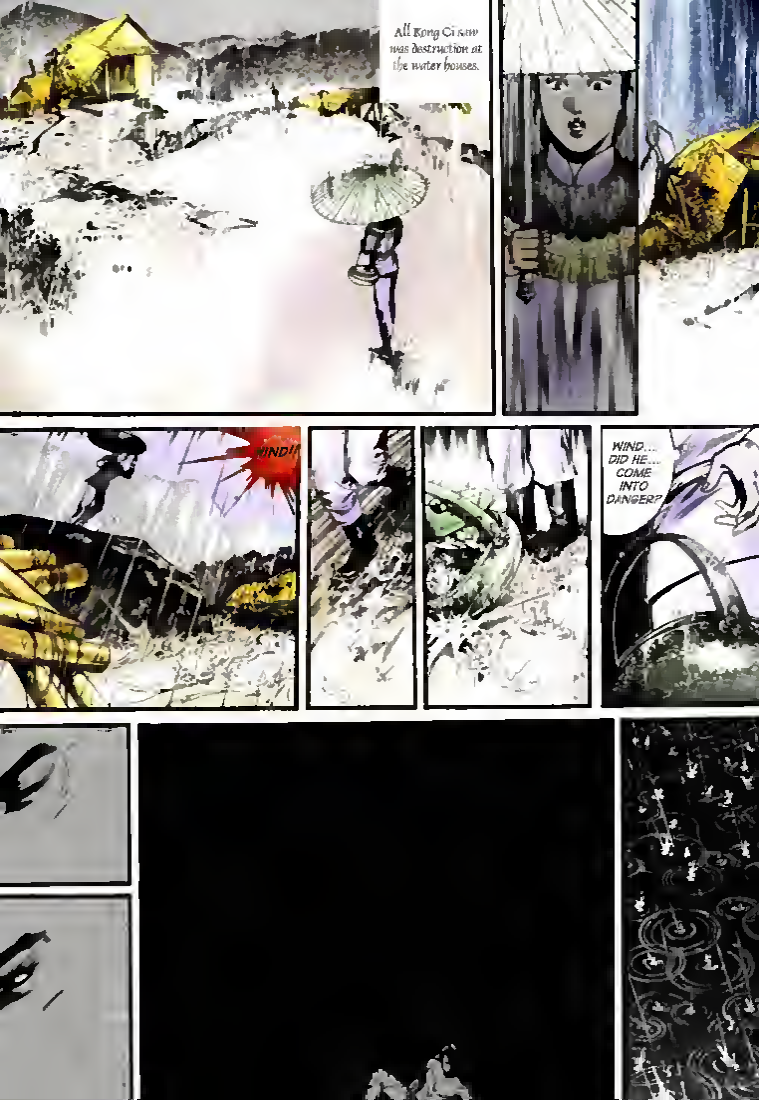
# CHAPTER 14
# THE RAGE OF INSANITY

Sword Saint first learnt how to use a sword at the age of five. At seven, he was at the level of his master. By nine, he was already well known for his sword techniques and four years later, he was invincible. Since then, no one has been able to move within 3 feet of him, yet Wind managed to hit him! Astounded and furious at the same time, Sword Saint unsheathed his sword!
Sword Saint raised his sword and waved it in a downward motion towards Wind. This is his infamous technique, "21 Set Swordplay", sword move number 16.
ONCE HIS SWORD IS DRAWN, THERE'LL BE NO MERCY
UNCLE! DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WOULD LEAVE THE TASK OF KILLING WIND TO ME?

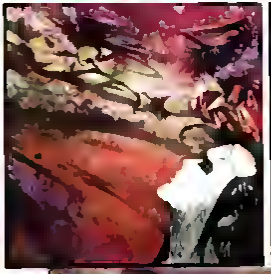
The powerful sword moves releases continuous chi all around the enemy trapping them within the razor sharp chi
As the sword's chi came into contact with Wind, it tore through his flesh, sending out sprays of blood all over his body.
While everyone's attention was on the fight, Wave took the opportunity to slip away into the rushing water.

Sensing that Wave was escaping, Wind exploded into ferocious madness. Paying no attention to the pain, he leaped out of the cage of ch!

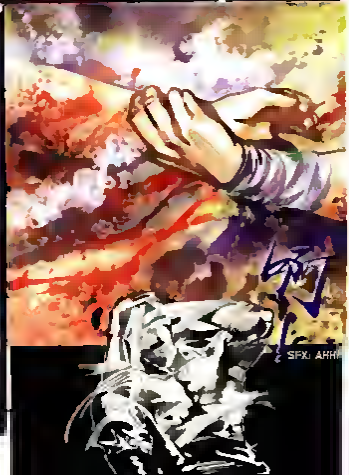
Sword Saint gripped his sword tightly and pushed on with another attack
21 SEC SWORDPLAY
Sword Saint was furious at not being able to kill Wind in two moves. He mustered all of his chi and released it through his sword in consecutive strikes.


All Kong Ci saw was destruction at the water houses.
WIND!!!
WIND... DID HE... COME INTO DANGER?

It was dark all around him, just like the interior of Wind's heart. There was no glimmer of light to be seen.



His mind was in a mess...
He was badly injured and any movement will worsen those injuries. He had little choice but to rest.
Where is this place?


SFX: AHH!

LOOK THERE!
DAD!
REMEMBER THE FROZEN HEART TECHNIQUE. CONCENTRATE ON IT. DO NOT LET YOUR MIND WANDER.
AS LONG AS YOUR HEART IS AS COLD AS ICE, THE RAGE IN YOUR BLOOD WILL NOT OVERCOME YOU.
WIND!
HE KILLED YOUR GRAND-MOTHER!
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER YOUR GRAND-FATHER?
He had always been a good man, one who was kind and generous and yet he turned into a beast overnight, killing the people around him..

WIND! THIS TOUCH OF INSANITY HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH OUR BLOODLINE FROM GENERATIONS BEFORE.
WHEN YOUR GRANDFATHER CAME AROUND FROM HIS PERIOD OF MADNESS, HE WAS ENGULFED IN SO MUCH SADNESS AND REGRET THAT HE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN REPAYMENT OF HIS SINS.
In the span of just one night, he had not only killed all four members of his family, but also murdered everyone in the village. Everyone, including the young and the old.
Other than the story of his grandfather, Wind had also witnessed the beastly madness of his father when his wife, Eung-ling, betrayed him. He lost all humanity regardless of who was friend or foe.
All this time, the curse in his bloodline had been something that constantly worried Wind.
YOU MUST MASTER THE FROZEN HEART TECHNIQUE. YOU MUST NEVER ALLOW THE INSANITY WITHIN YOUR BLOOD TO OVERCOME YOU. OTHERWISE, THERE WILL BE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES.

It was worse this time. When he realised that Wave had betrayed him, he lost all human consciousness and a killing rage exploded from within him.

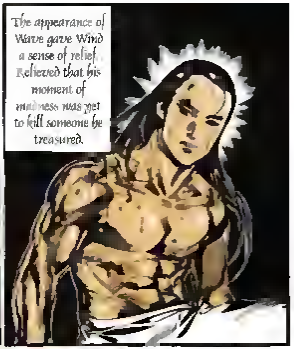
Six years ago, Da Gu Yi Fang betrayed Conquer Wind never understood where his strength came from that day, when he slashed off the head of the Invincible Fort Sect's chief.
That was the first time in his life that the beast within him was awoken.

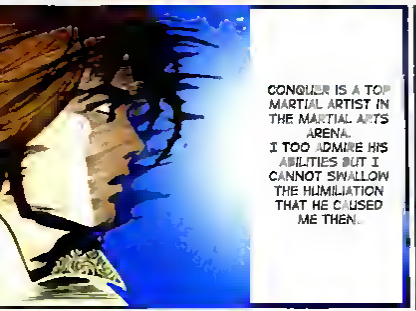
At this, a fearful shudder came over Wind's body.

It is fortunate that his father taught him the Frozen Heart technique. It was how he managed to subdue it this time. But if this happens again, will the Frozen Heart technique be good enough?

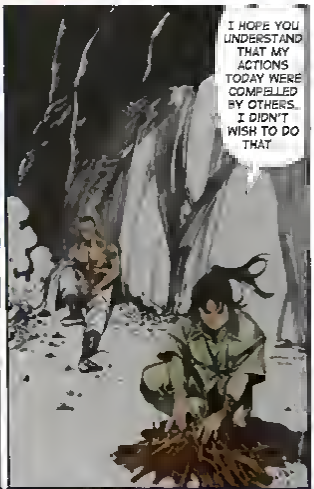
WAVE
AH, YOU'VE WOKEN UP!

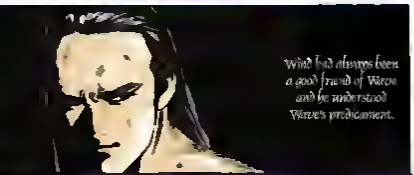
The appearance of Wave gave Wind a sense of relief. Relieved that his moment of madness was yet to kill someone he treasured.





CONQUER IS A TOP MARTIAL ARTIST IN THE MARTIAL ARTS ARENA. I TOO ADMIRE HIS ABILITIES BUT I CANNOT SWALLOW THE HUMILIATION THAT HE CAUSED ME THEN.

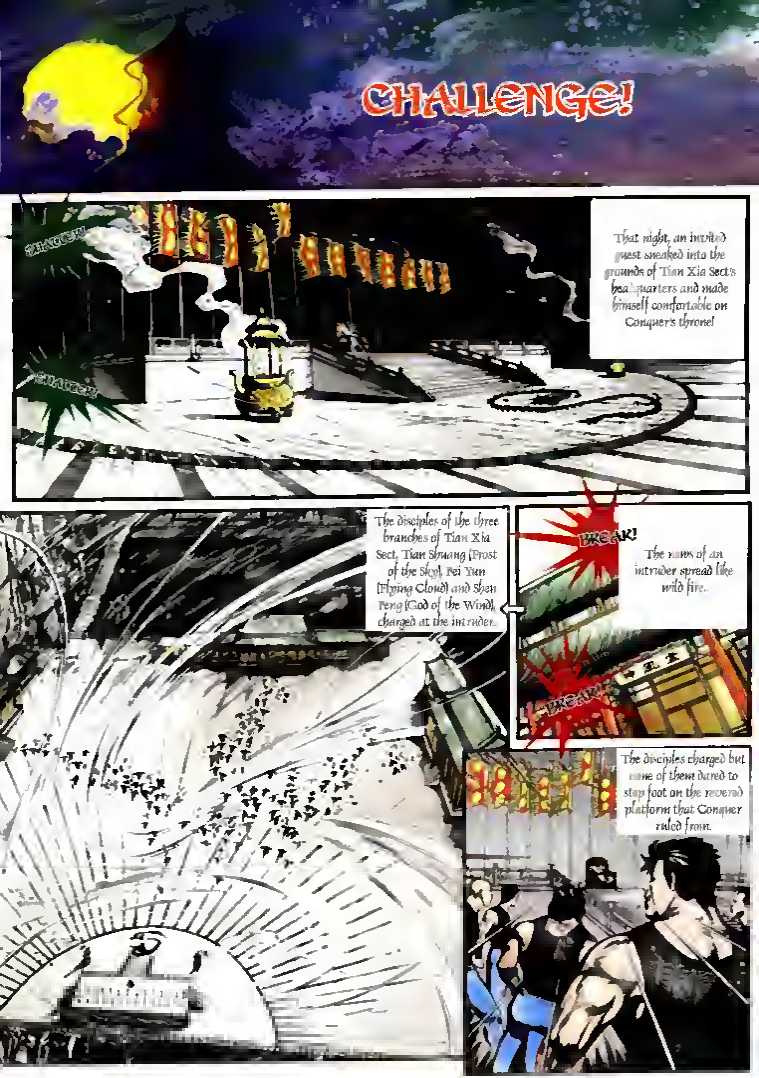


Wind had always been a good friend of Wave and he understood Wave's predicament.

Wind knew that Wrue was still young but his determination was not that of a young boys.
CONQUER WAS ONCE MY IDOL BUT HE HAS DESTROYED EVERY SINGLE BIT OF MY PRIDE I SWORE TO MYSELF THAT I WILL PROVE MY WORTHINESS TO HIM ONE DAY BY DESTROYING HIM!
I HAVE SOMETHING TO ATTEND TO. YOUR INJURIES ARE NOT FULLY HEALED YET. REST WELL!
WIND, I WON'T MIND IF YOU HATE ME FOR MY ACTIONS BUT I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE NEVER USED OUR FRIENDSHIP AS A STEPPING STONE TO MY GOALS. YOU SPARED MY LIFE ONCE, I WILL DEFINITELY RETURN THAT FAVOUR ANYTIME!
Wrue left after making sure that everything was in place and that there was no more misunderstanding between Wind and himself.
SWORD SAINT IS HIGHLY CONFIDENT OF HIS 21 SET SWORDPLAY TECHNIQUE. HE DEFINITELY BELIEVES THAT YOU'RE DEAD SO YOU'RE IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER. GOODBYE!

# CHALLENGE!

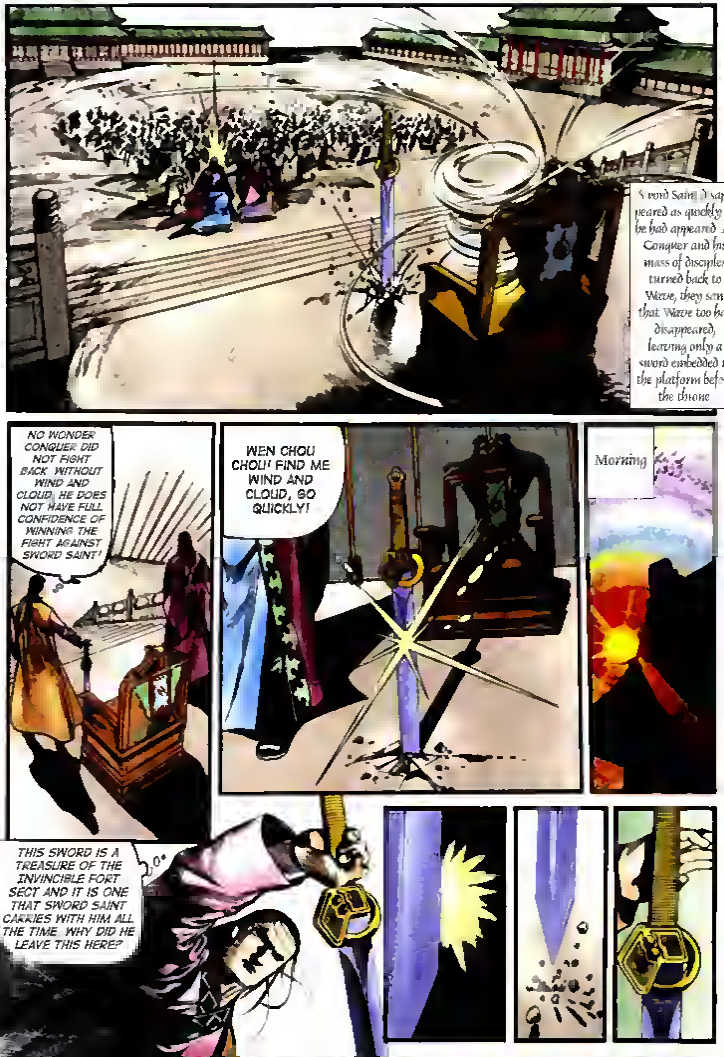

SHOOM!
SHATTER!
That night, an invited guest sneaked into the grounds of Tian Xia Sect's headquarters and made himself comfortable on Conquer's throne!
The disciples of the three branches of Tian Xia Sect, Tian Shuang (Frost of the Sky), Fei Yun (Flying Cloud) and Shan Feng (God of the Wind), charged at the intruder.
BREAK!
BREAK!
The news of an intruder spread like wild fire.
The disciples charged but none of them dared to step foot on the revered platform that Conquer ruled from.

Yet, the intruder had the courage to sit leisurely on the throne. He was none other than Wave. His actions may have been seen as being suicidal, but they were not without strategy!
Fruit led his men out to defend their territory.
SPY-GROUNDS OF TIAN XIA SECT.
Since the establishment of Tian Xia Sect, this is the first time an intruder managed to get this far into the grounds. Knowing that this could not be a small matter, Conquer stepped out personally to take a look.
HEY CONQUER! IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME! I'M SURE IT HAS NEVER CROSSED YOUR MIND THAT A TRAITOR LIKE ME WOULD COME BACK TO LOOK FOR YOU.
HOW DARE YOU TRAITOR WAVE! IF YOU DON'T GET DOWN FROM THAT THRONE IMMEDIATELY, YOU WILL BE DEAD!
Conquer fumed internally, as he was compelled to act for fear of losing respect in front of his followers.

IT IS SIMPLE TO TAKE A SEAT ON THAT THRONE BUT YOU WON'T BE SITTING FOR LONG YOU NEED BOTH TALENT AND POWER TO WARM THAT CHAIR
HAHA! THIS CHAIR IS OLD AND FILTHY THERE IS NOTHING MUCH TO THIS, ITS JUST AN ORDINARY CHAIR! YOU SHOULD TRY SITTING ON IT TOO!
WAVE! THIS IS TOO CHILDISH A TACTIC TO GET ME ANGERED...
HE IS SMART, THAT CONQUER!

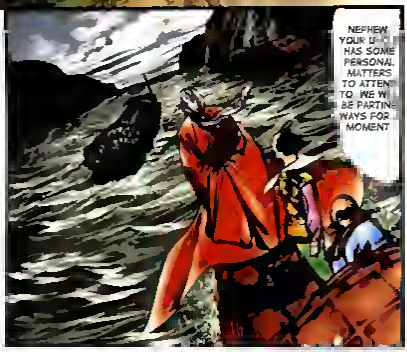
HEAVENLY FROST FIST, LEVEL 2
FROSTED EMBRACING THE MOON
SFX: WHIRL... WHIRL...

AHH! LOOK THERE...
CONQUER! I CHALLENGE YOU TODAY. WITH A SWORD AS A TOKEN OF THE CHALLENGE. WE SHALL BATTLE IN SEVEN DAYS TIME. WATCH OUT! I WILL TAKE EVERYTHING FROM YOU.
HNG! IT'S SWORD SAINT!


Sword Saint disappeared as quickly as he had appeared. As Conquer and his mass of disciples turned back to Wave, they saw that Wave too had disappeared, leaving only a sword embedded in the platform before the throne
NO WONDER CONQUER DID NOT FIGHT BACK WITHOUT WIND AND CLOUD, HE DOES NOT HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE OF WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST SWORD SAINT!
WEN CHOU CHOU! FIND ME WIND AND CLOUD, GO QUICKLY!
Morning
THIS SWORD IS A TREASURE OF THE INVINCIBLE FORT SECT AND IT IS ONE THAT SWORD SAINT CARRIES WITH HIM ALL THE TIME. WHY DID HE LEAVE THIS HERE?

THE DAMAGE ON THE BLADE WAS MOST LIKELY CAUSED BY COLLISIONS WITH STRONG FORCES OR OBJECTS. IT ALSO SYMBOLISES THE WEAKNESSES OF THE 21 SET SWORD-PLAY.
AH! THIS BLADE HAS BEEN CHIPPED IN MANY PLACES!
AND, SWORD SAINT IS UNDEFEATABLE! WHO CAN BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CREATE DENTS IN HIS SWORD?
MASTER, SWORD SAINT HAS RETIRED FROM THE MARTIAL ARTS ARENA FOR A LONG TIME. YET HE HAS APPEARED TO HAVE COME OUT OF RETIREMENT AND POSTED US A CHALLENGE IN SEVEN DAYS. I CANNOT FATHOM WHAT HIS MOTIVES ARE!
HM... THAT IS THE MATTER THAT WORRIES ME MOST...
BUT HE IS DEAD!
THERE WAS ONE PERSON...

MOUNT AIN BUDDHA


NEPHEW YOUR UNCLE HAS SOME PERSONAL MATTERS TO ATTEND TO. WE WILL BE PARTING WAYS FOR A MOMENT

IN THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS, I NEED YOU TO SPREAD THE WORD OF MY CHALLENGE. I WANT THE WHOLE MARTIAL ARTS ARENA TO KNOW. ON THAT DAY, I WILL PRESENT MY POWER AND TALENT TO A MASS OF SPECTATORS!

BE WARY. CONQUER WITH HIS CUNNING NATURE, IS CAPABLE OF SPOILING OUR PLANS. DO NOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

WE'LL MEET AGAIN AT QIAN XIA SECT IN SEVEN DAYS!

BUT I STILL REMEMBER THAT YOU LOVE WATER AND YOU ALWAYS SAID THAT WATER SHOULD BE PURE AND THE FIRE SHOULD BE KIND.
THE LAST TIME WE PARTED WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO! I'M HONOURED TO HAVE YOU HERE. IT'S A PITY THAT I HAVEN'T PREPARED ANYTHING TO SERVE YOU WITH.
AH, IT IS... YOU!
THAT SWORD OVER THERE IS THE ONE YOU GAVE ME THEN. I STILL TREASURE IT VERY MUCH!

I SEE THAT AS A FAMILY HEIRLOOM. EVERY TIME I LOOK AT IT, I WILL THINK OF YOU...
JIN! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? PLEASE GREET OUR VISITOR!
HNG! I AM JIN AND I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO BULLY ME. LET'S SEE WHO IS MORE POWERFUL!

IT SEEMS LIKE I HAVE READ MY OWN FUTURE CORRECTLY
THIS KID IS AS STUBBORN AS HIS FATHER!
YI LAN! MY... MY END IS NEAR, I WILL BE DEAD IN NINE DAYS!
YOU'RE PERSPIRING! IS THERE SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?
I HAVE ALWAYS HOPED FOR A RICH YET SIMPLE LIFE. TO THIS DAY, I HAVE YET TO ATTAIN THAT. ALL I HAVE IS A NAME FOR MYSELF AND NOTHING ELSE! I REGRET IT ALL!

I WAS TOO PROUD THEN. ALL I THOUGHT OF WAS THE SWORD AND I. IT HURT A LOT WHEN I HAD TO LEAVE YOU. I HAVE NEVER FORGIVEN MYSELF FOR DOING THAT.
The sudden emotions from Sword Saint gave Yi Lan a shock!
HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
NOW, AT THE VERGE OF DEATH, I STILL HAVE 3 WISHES TO FULFILL.
I'M HERE TODAY TO SETTLE ONE OF THEM. I DO NOT WISH TO GO INTO MY GRAVE WITH REGRETS...
MO-THE!!

SFX: ARGH!
SFX: WAAHH!
JIN, RUN AWAY!
YI LAN, PLEASE DON'T HATE ME!
IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MY LAST TWO WISHES, I MUST HAVE NO STRINGS BINDING ME.
SFX: MOTHER

WHAT IS THERE TO HATE AND LIKE ABOUT DEATH? I REFUSE TO DIE QUIETLY. I MUST GO OUT WITH A BANG!
I HAVE BEEN INVINCIBLE FOR ALL MY LIFE AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DEFEAT ME.
I'VE BEEN ANALYSING AND DEVELOPING MY SWORD TECHNIQUE EVER SINCE MY RETIREMENT FROM THE MARTIAL ARTS WORLD. I HAVE RISEN YET ANOTHER LEVEL.
NOW THAT I'VE ERASED ALL OF MY EARTHLY BURDENS. THE LAST THING I SEEK IS TO CHALLENGE YOU AGAIN.
SFX: THE RESTING PLACE OF MY BELOVED WIFE.

YOU CAN'T BE DEAD!
WU MING (NO NAME)...
THE HERO'S SWORD LIGHTS UP THE DARKNESS, THE DARKNESS DREADS THE HERO WITH NO NAME.
TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR BELOVED WIFE'S DEATH. IF YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, YOU WILL NOT FAIL TO VISIT HER GRAVE... I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU HERE!

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